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DEPARTMENT ALSO FOR AID/W ATTN: MR WILLIAM KENDRICK
COORDINATOR, REIMBURSABLE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: BTRA EGEN OVIP MO
SUBJECT: VISIT TO US OF MOROCCAN PTT MINISTER

REF: (A) RABAT 4583, (B) RABAT 5154, (C) STATE 257872

1. MINISTER OF POSTS, TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE (PTT)
GENERAL DRISS BEN AOMAR EL ALAMI IN LETTER TO AMBASSADOR
DATED DECEMBER 14 STATED HIS REGRET AT BEING UNABLE TO
UNDERTAKE VISIT TO UNITED STATES DURING CURRENT MONTH
DUE TO IMPORTANT OBLIGATIONS RETAINING HIM IN RABAT.
PTT MINISTER EXPRESSED HOPE THAT VISIT COULD TAKE PLACE
NEXT SPRING. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH PTT BUDGET
AND EQUIPMENT DIRECTOR, ABDELADIM ESSAKALLI, LATTER
INFORMED EMBOFF THAT MINISTER STILL VERY MUCH INTERESTED
IN VISIT AND SUGGESTED LATE APRIL AS POSSIBLE ALTERNATE
DATE.

2. PER REFTELS, MAIN PURPOSE OF TRIP WAS AND IS
TO AFFORD OPPORTUNITY FOR MINISTER TO HAVE BENEFIT OF
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INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATIONS BY NUMBER OF US COMPANIES IN
TELECOMMUNICATIONS FIELD AND THUS PROMOTE SALE OF US
EQUIPMENT DURING FUTURE EXPANSION OF MOROCCAN TELEPHONE
NETWORK. ESSAKALLI STATES THAT MAJOR NEW EQUIPMENT
PURCHASES UNLIKELY TO BE DECIDED BEFORE END OF CURRENT
FIVE YEAR (1973-77) (OR BEFORE RECEIPT OF 1978 PTT BUDGET).

THIS BEING CASE, VISIT BY MINISTER FOUR MONTHS FROM
NOW WOULD APPEAR EQUALLY VIABLE IN TERMS OF VISIT
OBJECTIVES.

3. ASSUME THAT SECTION 661 FUNDS OBLIGATED FOR PTT
MINISTER'S VISIT CAN BE CARRIED OVER.

4. PLEASE INFORM INTERESTED COMPANIES OF MINISTER'S
CHANGE OF PLAN. WE WILL BE IN CONTACT WITH MINISTER'S
STAFF EARLY IN NEXT YEAR IN ORDER TO WORK OUT SUITABLE
PROGRAM. IN PLANNING PROGRAM WE WILL BEAR IN MIND
CONSIDERATIONS MENTIONED FINAL PARAGRAPH, REFTEL C.
ANDERSON

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